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FM AMCONSUL LUANDA

TO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

INFO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

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SUBJECT: PROSPECTS FOR INCREASING EXPORTS OF COPPER VIA LOBITO

REF: A. LUSAKA 895; B) LUANDA A-79; C) LUANDA A-29 (NOTAL)

1. PROBLEMS AT LOBITO (REPAIR B) ARE LIMITED BERTHING SPACE;  
MELANGE OF OLD CARGO HANDLING EQUIPMENT; INEFFICIENT PHYSICAL  
LAYOUT OF PORT AND RR TERMINUS FACILITIES; INEFFICIENT

LABOR PRACTICES AND LOW POSITION ON PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT'S  
PRIORITY LIST.

2. LIMITED QUAY-SIDE PROBLEM BEING SLOWLY REMEDIED WITH  
RECENTLY BEGUN 50 PERCENT EXPANSION PROGRAM. FOR OTHER  
PROBLEMS, THERE IS LITTLE HOPE OF ANY NEAR TERM IMPROVEMENT.

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HOWEVER, EVEN IF THEY PERSIST, 50 PERCENT INCREASE IN AVAILABLE

DOCK SPACE PROBABLY WILL PERMIT MAJOR PORTION OF DESIRED 53 PERCENT (36-55 THOUSAND TONS) INCREASE CITED PARA 5 REF A. TROUBLE IS COMPLETION OF NEW BERTHS IS APPROX. TWO YEARS AWAY.

3. QUESTION OF GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES MUST BE VIEWED IN LIGHT FACT RR AND PORT LESS USED BY ANGOLA THAN BY ZAMBIA AND ZAIRE (REF C). SPECIFICALLY, BENGUELA RR EAST OF SILVA PORTO CARRIES INSIGNIFICANT ANGOLAN CARGO. BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN LOBITO DOESN'T RPT DOESN'T CONSIDER PORT DELAYS THERE EXCESSIVE AND IS NOT ENTIRELY CONVINCED OF WISDOM OF PORT EXPANSION FOR CONVENIENCE OF ZAMBIA AND ZAIRE IN FACE MORE PRESSING LOCAL NEEDS.

4. FINALLY, OF COURSE FUTURE ZAMBIAN USE RR/PORT MUST BE PUT IN POLITICAL CONTEXT. BENGUELA RR RUNS THROUGH AREA OF RELATIVELY DENSE WHITE SETTLEMENT WHERE WHITES EXPRESS NO WILLINGNESS TO "RETURN" TO PORTUGAL AND AT PRESENT AT LEAST RESISTANT TO IDEA OF BLACK GOVERNMENT. WHITE UDI (STILL ONLY A THEORETICAL POSSIBILITY, TO BE SURE) OR A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN INSURGENT ACTIVITY COULD CAUSE INTERRUPTION OF BENGUELA RR SERVICE TO ZAMBIA AND ZAIRE.

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